

**REMARKS**

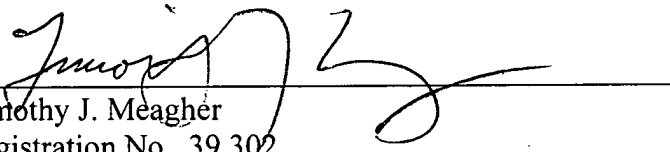
Claims 1-31 are pending in the application. To expedite prosecution, Claims 26-30 are now being canceled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuation application. Claims 1-25 and 31 are allowed.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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